

(2) NONE OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM FIVE OF THE SIX WITNESSES HAS IN ANY WAY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1112. THE SIXTH WITNESS, AMA LIN, PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH WAS CONSISTENT WITH HIS PREVIOUS TWO INTERVIEWS AND ADDED NOTHING WHICH COULD ASSIST IN DETERMINING FATE. THIS INFORMATION HAS NEVER BEEN POSITIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1112.

(3) THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A VIETNAMESE REGARDING THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN AND THREE ARVN ON ROUTE 14 NEAR PLEIKU PRIOR TO THE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE IS PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0937 BASED ON DATE, LOCATION, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE THIS.

(4) THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THIS CASE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION.

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 DECEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1118-0-01 (ACCNO 5806) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: TRIVELPIECE, STEVE MAURICE Date Status assigned: 11 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O #
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	8 Oct 1948	Weight	175 lb / 79.3 kg	Duty pos	UNKNOWN
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48PXS575400
Lat/Long: 101838N / 1062619E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: BEN TRE
(formerly): KIEN HOA
Mission District: CHAU THANH
Mission Date: 4 Apr 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Sep 93
Investigations: Oct 93
Surveys: Oct 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE - INLAND WATER

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	BOAT	Serial:	\$
Crash Type:	None	Engine Type:	
Call Sign:	\$	1 Serial:	
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

CASE: 1118

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

11 December 1975

ON 4 APRIL 1968 PFC STEVE M. TRIVELPIECE WAS A MACHINE GUNNER WITH THE 3RD PLATOON, COMPANY E, 3RD BATTALION, 47TH INFANTRY, 9TH DIVISION, ABOARD A NAVY ARMORED TROOP CARRIER. AS THE BOAT WAS MAKING A LANDING IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE, (SOUTH VIETNAM). IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) 546 360, HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RECEIVED, AS PFC TRIVELPIECE WAS MOVING FORWARD TO SET UP HIS MACHINE GUN HE WAS STRUCK IN THE NECK AND WRIST BY GUNFIRE AND WAS KILLED.

BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSION OF BATTLE AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF HIS UNIT FROM THAT AREA, PFC TRIVELPIECE'S BODY WAS NOT RECOVERED. ON 1 SEPTEMBER (1968) AN AERIAL SEARCH FOR HIS REMAINS WAS CONDUCTED ALONG THE MY THO RIVER FROM THE VICINITY OF (GC) XS 575 400 FOR SOME 35 KILOMETERS, BUT NOTHING WAS FOUND. (REF 1, 2 & 3)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THIS AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR ACTUAL GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE INCIDENT SITE.

GENERAL PUBCOM WAS DISTRIBUTED ALONG RIVER BANKS, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR LEADS WERE FORTHCOMING. PFC TRIVELPIECE'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. PFC TRIVELPIECE IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

11 December 1975

REFERENCES USED: <1> MSG PUNCH REPORT NO. 10787, 10 APR 68. <2> RPT STATUS OF PFC TRIVELPIECE, HQ 2D BDE, 9TH DIV, 4 MAY 68. <3> RPT FIELD SEARCH AND RECOVERY, HQ 9TH S&T, 9TH DIV, 3 SEP 68. <4> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH, 200247Z NOV 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

18 October 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR CASE 1118-0-01 WAS PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 29 SEP 93 COORDINATION MEETING.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

3 January 1976

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM XS546360 TO XS575400 BASED

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ON BOARD REPORT, 2 BDE, 9 INF DIV, 04 MAY 68.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

7 December 1993

ON 28 OCT 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1118 IN CHAU THANH DISTRICT, BEN TRE PROVINCE. ON 26 OCT 93, THE VIETNAMESE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM INFORMED U.S. TEAM MEMBERS THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WITNESSES TO EVENTS RELATED TO CASE 1118. THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND CANVASSED SURROUNDING VILLAGES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 4)



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NARRATIVE

ON 4 APRIL 1968, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEVE M. TRIVELPIECE WAS ABOARD A NAVY ARMORED TROOP CARRIER PARTICIPATING IN A COMBAT OPERATION IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XS575400, APPROXIMATELY 9 KILOMETERS EAST-SOUTHEAST OF CHAU THANH, BEN TRE PROVINCE. AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TRIVELPIECE REACHED THE LOWERED RAMP, HE WAS KILLED BY HOSTILE FIRE. BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSION OF BATTLE AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF HIS UNIT FROM THE BATTLE, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TRIVELPIECE'S BODY WAS NOT RECOVERED.

ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1968, A SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SEARCH OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS OF THE TIEN GIANG RIVER FROM THE INCIDENT LOCATION TO SOME 35 KILOMETERS BUT DID NOT LOCATE HIS BODY.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: TRIVELPIECE, STEVE MAURICE
RANK: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, U.S. ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH: 8 OCTOBER 1948
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS
WEIGHT: 79.3 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE

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Tờ Thương Thuật

Vào ngày mồng 4 tháng 4 năm 1968, Binh Nhất Steve M. Trivelpiece ở trên tàu chở lính bọc sắt tham gia một nhiệm vụ tác chiến ở khu phụ cận toạ độ XS575400, khoảng 9 cây số về phía đông-dông nam của Châu Thành, tỉnh Bến Tre. Binh nhất Trivelpiece bị bắn chết trong khi đi xuống ván cầu của tàu. Xác của Trivelpiece không được lấy vì cuộc chiến đấu có rối loạn nhiều quả và đơn vị phải rút lui.

Vào ngày mồng 1 tháng 9 năm 1968, một đội tìm kiếm làm tìm trên không ở sông Tiền Giang từ chỗ việc xảy ra đến 35 cây số dưới sông và không được tìm gì cả.

Số liệu thích hợp như sau:

Họ và tên:	Trivelpiece, Steve Maurice
Cấp bậc:	Binh nhất, Quân Đội Mỹ
Ngày sinh:	Ngày mồng 8 tháng 10 năm 1948
Chủng tộc:	Da trắng
Chiều cao:	1.83 mét
Cân nặng:	79.3 kí-lô
Màu tóc:	Nâu
Màu mắt:	Xanh

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